

Amendment No. 5 to HB2803

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2676*

House Bill No. 2803

By deleting the final sentence of subdivision (3) of Section 40-39-403 of the amendatory language of SECTION 1 as amended.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the last section of the bill as amended and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting the semicolon (;) at the end of subdivision (a)(1), substituting instead a period (.) and by adding the following language to the end of subdivision (a)(1):

"Aggravated cruelty" shall not include maiming when the maiming occurs for a justifiable reason that is an accepted practice in the community where the alleged offense occurs;

SECTION _____. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.